

In the claims:

6. (Amended) A DNA construct as claimed in claim 1, said downstream box element having a sequence selected from the group consisting of 5'TCCAGTCACTAGCCCTGCCTTCGGCA'3 (SEQ ID NO: 29) and 5'CCAGTCATGAATCACAAAGTGGTAA'3 (SEQ ID NO: 30).

13. (Amended) A DNA construct as claimed in claim 10, said aadA coding region being operably linked to said green fluorescent protein coding region via a nucleic acid molecule encoding a peptide linker having a sequence selected from the group consisting of ELVEGKLELVEGLKVA (SEQ ID NO: 104) and ELAVEGKLEVA (SEQ ID NO: 105).

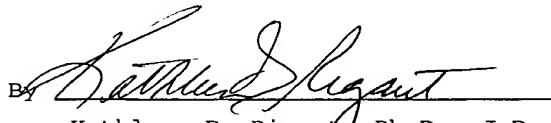
REMARKS

The December 17, 2002 Official Action has been carefully reviewed. Applicants have incorporated proper sequence identifiers within the specification and claims as directed by the Examiner. Applicants submit the instant application, as amended, meets the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§1.821-1.825.

Favorable consideration leading to prompt allowance of the present application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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